(b) The details of ONGC's actual crude oil and natural gas production during 2006-07 upto January, 2007 and during the year 2007-08 upto January, 2008 are as under:

Year	Oil (MMT)	Gas (MMSCM)
2006-07 (up to Jan. 07)	21.792	18724
2007-08 (upto Jan. 08)	21.683	18731

Above figures excludes production from fields being operated through Joint Ventures.

(c) ONGC has incurred Rs. 1782.53 crore during the year 2006-07 and Rs. 924.59 crore (Prov.) during 2007-08 on various Improved Oil Recovery (IOR)/Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) projects.

CAG report on ONGC

2434. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG has pulled up ONGC that the State-owned entity frittered away huge sums in unfruitful expenditure and penalties stemming from poor planning, lack of foresight and co-ordination in decision-making besides sloppy monitoring of work during the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, what are the other details mentioned in the CAG report on ONGC;

(c) what action Government proposes to take; and

(d) whether the ONGC has been asked to take necessary steps in avoiding such occurrences in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) has recently forwarded their observations on an audit titled "Deep Water Exploration" relating to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). They have observed that some unfruitful expenditure has been incurred by ONGC.

The performance of ONGC during Tenth Plan (2002—07) in exploration and finding out new oil gas fields has been satisfactory. ONGC during Tenth Plan (2002—07) has made 35 hydrocarbon finds in its onland and offshore operational areas and accreted 676.76 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) Oil and Oil Equivalent of Gas (O+OEG) in-place with ultimate component of 240.88 MMT (O+OEG) against the Tenth Plan target of 570.43 MMT in-place and 155.51 MMT (O+OEG) in ultimate category respectively. The ultra deepwater discovery in KG Offshore made during 2006-07 by ONGC is the first ultra deepwater discovery in the country. ONGC has also, for the first time, discovered hydrocarbons in the eastern offshore in Mahanadi Basin.

During Tenth Plan period, exploratory inputs expended by ONGC in its onland and offshore operational areas include acquisition of 59683.26 Ground Line Kilometre/Line Kilometre (GLK/LK) of 2 D seismic data against the target of 35286 GLK/LK and 92988 sq. km. of 3D seismic data against the target of 34834 sq. km. and drilled 576 exploratory wells against a target of 561 exploratory wells.

However, ONGC as an operator could not complete Minimum Work Programme (MWP) in some blocks as per Production Sharing Contract (PSC) and paid US Dollar 50.3 Million towards payments for unfinished work programme and seeking extensions.